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In re Application of :
MATSUMOTO, Kazuaki, et al. :
Application No.: 10/031,210 :
PCT No.: PCT/JP01/03939 :
Int. Filing Date: 11 May 2001 :
Priority Date: 11 May 2000 :
Attorney's Docket No.: 5404/16 :
For: FLAME RETARDANT AND FLAME :
RETARDANT RESIN COMPOSITION :

NOTIFICATION

This application is before the Office for matters arising under 35 U.S.C. §371.

BACKGROUND

On 11 May 2001, applicants filed international application PCT/JP01/03939, which claimed a priority date of 11 May 2000. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) from the International Bureau on 15 November 2001. The deadline for entry into the national stage in the United States was midnight 11 January 2002.

On 11 January 2002, applicants filed a submission for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the U.S. Basic National Fee.

On 03 June 2002, applicants filed a declaration executed by Kazuaki Matsumoto, Yoshitaka Ono and Tatsushi Yoshida.

DISCUSSION

Under 37 CFR 1.41(a)(4), the inventors who submitted an application under §1.494 or §1.495 are the inventors in the international application designating the United States. The inventors in the international application include the inventors named upon filing of the international application or resulting from any changes made under Rule 92*bis* in the international stage. The record does not reflect any such requests under Rule 92*bis* during the international stage.

The inventors in the international application are Kazuaki Matsumoto, Yoshitaka Ono and Ryuji Yoshida. The inventors on the declaration are Kazuaki Matsumoto, Yoshitaka Ono and Tatsushi Yoshida. Thus, the declaration fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a)(3).


Applicants are required to submit an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b). Attention is directed to MPEP §605.04(c) and the requirement for a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 contained therein, if there has been a change of name.

CONCLUSION

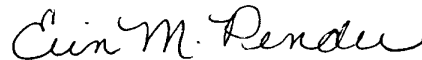
For the above reasons, applicants' declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b).

A proper response as indicated above must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Failure to timely file the proper response will result in abandonment of this application. Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Please direct any further correspondence with respect to this matter to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Box PCT, Washington, D.C. 20231, and address the contents of the letter to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.



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